

Amendments to the Claims

1      Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,  
2      comprising steps of:

3                selecting detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user[[,]] has selected an element of a  
4      rendered representation of an electronic object in a manner consistent with settings that are  
5      defined to indicate selection identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing  
6      criteria; and

7                storing, automatically concluding, responsive to the selecting detecting, that the user has  
8      indicated that the selected element is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria usable for  
9      organizing electronic objects.

1      Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2      enabling the user to configure defining the defined settings.

1      Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of selecting  
2      detected user selection further comprises the step of selecting selection of a word, a phrase, or  
3      one or more contiguous characters in the rendered representation as the selected element.

1      Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,  
2      or the characters is/are rendered from contained in a text document.

1       Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,  
2       or the characters is/are rendered from contained in an e-mail message.

1       Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the detected user  
2       selection step of selecting further comprises the step of selecting selection of a portion of an  
3       image in the rendered representation as the element.

1       Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the detected user  
2       selection step of selecting further comprises the step of selecting selection of one or more words,  
3       phrases, or characters in the rendered representation as the element.

1       Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of selecting  
2       detected user selection further comprises the step of selecting selection of a portion of one or  
3       more images in the rendered representation as the element.

1       Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the storing step stores  
2       further comprising the step of storing the selected element in the repository as an organizing  
3       criterion.

1       Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2       using the selected element to format as an organizing criterion in a rule that can subsequently be

3 used for organizing stored documents.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting  
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a mouse device  
3 in the selecting step.

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting  
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a light pen  
3 device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting  
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a plasma panel  
3 device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting  
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using an audio  
3 mechanism in the selecting step.

1 Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting  
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a video  
3 mechanism in the selecting step.

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the settings specify  
2 that [[an]] the element of [[a]] the rendered representation of a particular electronic object must  
3 be swiped multiple times to indicate selection of that element.

1 Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein, responsive to the  
2 automatically concluding detecting step, the selected element is added to organizing criteria of an  
3 index, such that the index thereby becomes adaptive to user actions.

1 Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,  
2 comprising:

3       means for selecting detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has selected an element  
4       of a rendered representation of an electronic object in a manner consistent with settings that are  
5       defined to indicate selection identification of dynamically-identified user-defined organizing  
6       criteria;

7       means for concluding storing, responsive to the means for selecting detecting, that the  
8       user has indicated that the selected element is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria  
9       usable for organizing electronic objects; and

10      means for using the selected element to format as an organizing criterion in a rule that  
11     can subsequently be used for organizing stored electronic objects.

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria for  
2 organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more  
3 computer-readable media and comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for selecting detecting, by a user input monitor,  
5 that a user has selected an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object in a  
6 manner consistent with settings that are defined to indicate selection identification of  
7 dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;

8 computer-readable program code means for concluding storing, responsive to the  
9 computer-readable program code means for selecting detecting, that the user has indicated that  
10 the selected element is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria usable for organizing  
11 electronic objects; and

12 computer-readable program code means for using the selected element to format as an  
13 organizing criterion in a rule that can subsequently be used for organizing stored electronic  
14 objects.

1 Claim 20 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 providing the selected element as a selectable choice for inclusion as an organizing criterion in  
3 formatting one or more rules that can subsequently be used for organizing electronic objects.